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PROF. ADRIANO MATOVANI, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, REPORTED IN AN ARTICLE IN THE "UNITA" OF MARCH 15 THE CAPTURE OF A RABID FOX IN THE AURINA VALLEY NEAR THE BORDER WITH AUSTRIA. ARTICLE MENTIONED THAT AN ITALIAN WORKER WAS BITTEN BY A CAT IN SWITZERLAND A FEW WEEKS AGO AND DIED OF RABIES. ITALY IS CONCERNED ABOUT SUCH INCIDENTS SINCE IT HAS NOT HAD RABID DOMESTIC ANIMALS SINCE 1973 (LAST CASES WERE IN THE SOUTH AND IN SICILY) AND HAS BEEN FREE OF RABID WILD ANIMALS FOR EVEN LONGER PERIOD. MANTOVANI OPINED THAT RABID ANIMALS WILL MOVE TOWARDS ITALY FROM THE ALPS AT RATE OF 50 KSM PER YEAR, PASSING MORE SLOWLY BY AREAS WITH A LIMITED WILD ANIMAL POPULATION SUCH AS THE PO VALLEY.

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2. DR. CAVRINI OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICE FOR RABIES PREVENTION HAS INFORMED US THAT AFTER SECOND WORLD WAR RIBID WILD ANIMALS MOVED SLOWLY FROM RUSSIA TO CENTRAL AND SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE AND INFECTED ANIMALS IN GERMANY, FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA. TO PREVENT SPREAD TO ITALY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH SINCE 1975 HAS INCREASED STAFF AND LABORATORY FACILITIES IN THE MORE EXPOSED REGIONS

(ALPS), PROVIDED ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION AND REVACCINATION
OF DOGS, CAUGHT OWNERLESS PETS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS, AND
SET A PRIZE ON EACH FOX KILLED. NOW THAT RABIES HAS MADE
ITS APPEARANCE IN THE AURINA VALEY, VACCINATION WILL BE
EXTENDED TO COW HERDS WHICH MOVE TOWARD ALPINE PASTURELANDS
IN THE SPRING.BEAUDRY

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